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MY STAR. [Robert Browning.] All that I know Of a certain star Is, it can throw (Like the angled spar) Now a dart of red, Now a dart of blus, Till my friends have said They would fain see, too,
My star that darties the red and blue.
Then it stops like a bird, like a flower hangs

They must solace themselves with Saturn above it What matter to me if this star is a world? Mine has opened its soul to me, therefore I

... The Founding of a City.

[Philadelphia News.] In an Australian mining camp at one of the tents sat four men-June 10, 1858talking of their future and bemoaning the had worked together in the same claim sometimes getting barely sufficient for daily wants, sometimes not even for that.
For several weeks, indeed, they had labored without any result. After a long discussion they decided to abandon the

Down in the mine the three looked gloomingly around, with a kind of sulky regret at having to leave the scene of so much useless toil. "Good-by," said one.
"I'll give you a farewell blow." And raising his pick he struck the quartz, making splinters fly in all directions. His pence a pound. The lavolite bland to making splinters fly in all directions. His joices in the title of "Rising Hope," and practiced eye caught a glittering speck in it would be cheap in London at 4 pence one of the bits at his feet. Stooping, he knelt and satisfied himself that it was gold! He then commenced picking vigorously. His mates caught the meaning

and followed his example. In dead silence they worked on-they had discovered a monster nugget. Then a wild glad shout sounded in the ears of the one at the windlass, who had sunk into a half doze, feeling, probably, the want of his breakfast. To his inquiry, "What is going on?" the cry came, "Wind up," and as he did so there rose When fully exposed to view the men when fully exposed to view the men were almost insane with joy. After watching it through the day and live-long night they had it conveyed in safety to the bank. It was named Welcome Stranger and yielded the fortunate discoverers of it \$15,000. On the site of that spot the forest and the scrub have disap-

> Superiority of English Cooking. [Olive Logan's London Letter.]

After a long experience of the cuisine Francaise and of American cooking and of English cooking, I have arrived at the conclusion that the last-named is the most succulent, substantial and health-bestowing of any other in the world. English chops, steaks, kidneys, baked potatoes, roast beef, boiled salmon, plum pudding and Cheshire cheese are exactly the groundwork required by man—at least Saxon man—to form the physical basis of his corporeal existence, French dishes tickle the palate, but they do not lay healthy flesh on the bones, calm the nerves and make pure blood. These desiderata are attained by a steady course of British

In proof of what I say one has only to take a walk at any hour of the day in Hyde park and watch the promenaders there. As specimens of the human animal, the varied nationalities whose aristocracy one meets in the verdant lanes and smooth esplanades of that beauteous greenery all yield the palm to John Bull and his womankind, with their bright eyes, rosy cheeks and splendid physical development. Moral of all this: Eat plenty of roast beef and juicy steak, boiled mutton, plain boiled potatoes, bread a day old and simple suet puddings. Avoid hashes (whose nourishing qualities have all departed in the recooking), lob-ster salads, meals of the innutritious oyster alone, hot rolls, newly-baked bread, rich pastry, candy and water soups. In America we have no national cuisine, but the choice of all the cuisines of the world is at hand and therefore there is no reason

A Spanish Marriage Ceremony. [New Orleans Times-Democrat.]

A Spanish marriage ceremony has some peculiar features. Especially notable is mony, the couple, with their god-father and god mother, kneel at the foot of the neck of the pair, and the bridegroom holds the ends of it; then they throw a large strip of silk cloth over the heads of the newly-married pair, after which a lighted wax candle is handed to them, and godfather and god-mother as well; then the priest besprinkles all four with holy water, blesses them, and thus the cere-mony is ended. A Spanish lady does not consider herself thoroughly married without a "velacion."

Florida's Upas Tree. [Chicago Times.] A veritable upas tree grows in the keys south of Daytons, Fla. It is called the machineel. Any one taking shelter under it during a rain, or sleeping under it when the dew falls, is sure to be poisoned. One who experienced it says: "It swells rule, are then resentful of interference with their charge, and fierce in the exhe had been skinned and peppered." man who began making canes for the New Orleans exposition from the wood became poisoned and won't touch it any period of not less than 115 years.

NORTH SEA "COOPERS."

FLOATING PUBLIC-HOUSES WHICH HAIL FROM GERMAN PORTS.

Visit on Board a "Cooper," and the Skipper's Reception - The Curse of the North Sea-Dishonest Smackmen.

[St. James' Gazette.] In July last it was announced that a German vessel, the Diedrich, had been attacked and plundered in the North sea by a gang of pirates, supposed to belong to English fishing-smacks working on the Dogger bank. The assailants, it was said, rowed up in boats, boarded the Diedrich assaulted and maltreated her officers and crew, and made off with a considerable amount of loot. The word "piracy" was evidently an exaggeration, for it is not pretended that the "pirates" were armed. It was suggested, no doubt, that they carried knives and bludgeons. But bludgeons are no part of the stores of a fishing-smack, and every sailor carries a

knife as a matter of course.

To those acquainted with the Dogger bank the whole thing was clear at once. The Diedrich was admittedly a German "cooper." The "coopers" are large smacks of sixty or seventy tons measurement, liberally rigged and fast sailers. They come out from the German ports with a cargo consisting principally of cigars, tobacco, and spirits. But they also carry scent, kid gloves, bangles, and other such wares of Autolycus, which the smacksmen nurchase for their wives daughters, or sweethearts. There will also be an assortment of sundries-cutlery, combs and brushes, razors, and boots, and with these other articles of a distinctly objectionable character, such as stereoscopic slides, the sale of which on shore in England would be an indictable offense. The prices charged are low, and No. 42 MERCHANT STREET, NEAR FORT ST the goods, as a rule, are worthless. The spirits are abominable. Only, a smacksman in want of a drink will drink any-thing. The one genuine article a cooper carries is her tobacco. This costs you 18 pence a pound. The favorite brand re-joices in the title of "Rising Hope," and

These coopers come out of the German ports and cruise about among the fishing leet. There is no secret as to their busi It is publicly indicated by a small square blue flag hung a third up the main topmast. They are, in reality, floating public-houses, and the flag in question is their sign-board. Now English fishingsmacks on the Dogger put down their trawl at sunset and haul it at sunrise. During the day a fishing smack, as a rule, to the surface a huge mass of virgin gold. hardly shifting her position on the fishinglies to, drifting slowly to leeward and grounds. It is during the leisure hour of the day—generally after dinner—that the visit to the cooper takes place. You row up to her, and are welcomed by a skipper, who commences proquor and then gets to business. Over the business an altercation is by no means peared and this place is occupied by the finest city on the celebrated gold fields of beyond the length of mere words. If, on the other hand, things go amicably, an hour or two will be spent in drinking Hamburg sherry, potato-spirit, and other such poison; and then the men will rejoin their smack, all more or less drunk and

the ounce.

loaded with rubbish. There is nothing good on a cooper except her tobacco; and this is only because cut tobacco can not easily be counter-feited or adulterated. The floating grogshops in the coopering trade are the curse of the North sea. The men waste money on them which would be better spent on shore; and in too many cases the skipper of a cooper is neither more or less than a receiver of stolen goods. When the smacksmen have no money he will tempt them to "ruck" the stores of their vessel and many a valuable net, many fathoms of rope, many anchors, and other such gear, have been reported as lost, which in reality have been bartered away for an eighth of their value in exchange for Hamburg spirits. No one says that this is honest on the part of the smackmen; but there is rough sense in a remark often heard from the bench, that .if there were no receivers there would be no thieves.

Peculiarity of Seismic Waves.

[Inter Ocean.] It is a remarkable peculiarity of earthquakes, and one which may yet shed a light upon the mystery of these seismic disturbances, that they generally roll from east to west like a wave. Within recent years this singular trait of earthquakes has been very conspicuous. The dreadful earthquakes which altered the configuration of the island of Java was followed by terrestrial disturbances in Syria and Asia Minor, and now the convulsion that has smote terror to why a perfectly healthy diet should not be selected by every individual. the heart of Spain seems to have rolled across to England, where several shocks have been distinctly felt. In 1755 the great earthquake which destroyed Lisbon and upheaved the Tagus until it looked more like a great tidal wave than a river, | And FINE DIAMOND SETTING a Specialty the fashion of velaciones. During the mass which is said after the marriage ceremass which is said after the marriage cerenot seem to be affected by these seismic not seem to be affected by these seismic was followed by shocks in England and waves, but in the old world it does seem and god mother, kneel at the root of the altar; a silken cord is thrown around the in the east and roll westward.

Australian Sheep Dog. [Exchange.]

According to English papers, the sheep industry in Australia has brought out a variety of the sheep dog remarkable for sagacity, but differing in many other particulars from those of other countries. It is related of them that they will hunt for stragglers miles away from the hut, and either drive them in or watch them, if they happen to be exhausted, until they gather sufficient strength to walk. It is a common thing in traversing the grazing country to come upon one of the sa gacious dogs on guard over a strayed or broken-down sheep, and while placable and gentle to a remarkable degree, as a rule, are then resentful of interference

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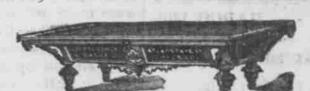
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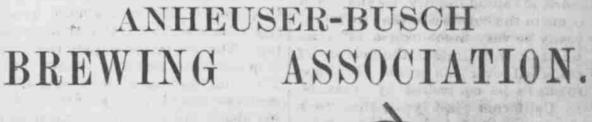
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